

GENERAL ORDERS, }

WAR DEPARTMENT,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

No. 185.

Washington, June 23, 1863.

I..Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Scottsville, Kentucky, November 6, 1862, pursuant to Special Orders, No. 29, dated October 13, 1862, No. 30, dated October 26, 1862, and No. 33, dated November 3, 1862, Headquarters, 6th Division, and of which Lieutenant Colonel W. H. YOUNG, 26th Ohio Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Private *John Hardesty*, Company "A," 65th Ohio Volunteers.

CHARGE.—"Violation of the 46th Article of War."

Specification—"In this; that the said *John Hardesty*, Private, Company 'A,' 65th Ohio Volunteers, while posted as a sentinel on the night of the 3d of November, 1862, was found by me asleep upon said post of duty.

"H. H. TILLOTSON,

"2d Lieutenant, Company 'E,' 73d Indiana Volunteers."

To which charge and specification the accused, Private *John Hardesty*, Company "A," 65th Ohio Volunteers, pleaded "Not Guilty."

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Private *John Hardesty*, Company "A," 65th Ohio Volunteers, as follows:

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, Private *John Hardesty*, Company "A," 65th Ohio Volunteers, "To be shot to death. This sentence was concurred in by two-thirds of the members of the Court."

II..Before a General Court Martial, which convened at Nashville, Tennessee, April 8, 1863, pursuant to General Orders, No. 2, dated January 15, 1863, and No. 4, dated January 17, 1863, Headquarters,

United States Forces, Nashville, Tennessee, and of which Major CHARLES S. COWAN, 10th Illinois Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Private *William Dodge*, Company "I," 14th Michigan Volunteers.

CHARGE I.—"Desertion."

Specification—"In this; that he, Private *William Dodge*, of Company 'I,' fourteenth regiment of Michigan Volunteer Infantry, an enlisted soldier in the service of the United States, did, on or about the fifth day of July, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, at 'Camp Big Springs,' State of Mississippi, without leave from competent authority, absent himself from his said company and regiment, with the intention of not returning thereto, and did remain so absent until the twenty-eighth (28th) day of February, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three. All this in time of war."

CHARGE II.—"Crime to the prejudice of good order and military discipline."

Specification—"In this; that he, Private *William Dodge*, of Company 'I,' fourteenth regiment of Michigan Volunteer Infantry, an enlisted soldier in the service of the United States, did, on or about the twenty-fifth day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two, at Camp Big Springs, State of Mississippi, steal from Private Oliver Teriwilleger, of said company and regiment, the sum of twelve (12) dollars and fifty cents."

To which charges and specifications the accused, Private *William Dodge*, Company "I," 14th Michigan Volunteers, pleaded "Guilty."

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Private *William Dodge*, Company "I," 14th Michigan Volunteers, as follows:

CHARGE I.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

CHARGE II.

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, Private *William Dodge*, Company "I," 14th Michigan Volunteers, "*To be shot to death with musketry at such time and place as the Commanding General of the Department of the Cumberland may appoint: two-thirds of the members of the Court concurring in the foregoing sentence.*"

III.. Before a General Court Martial, which convened at the house of William Rankin, esquire, near Murfreesboro', Tennessee, March 31, 1863, pursuant to General Orders, No. 63, dated Headquarters, 2d Division, 20th Army Corps, March 12, 1863, and of which Captain F. P. STRADER, 6th Indiana Volunteers, is President, was arraigned and tried—

Private *John Beiser*, Company "E," 32d Indiana Volunteers.

CHARGE.—"Desertion."

Specification—"In this; that he, Private *John Beiser*, of Company 'E,' 32d Regiment Indiana Volunteers, being duly enlisted in the service of the United States at Indianapolis, Indiana, on or about the 24th day of August, A. D. 1861, did desert the said service on or about the 28th day of February, 1862, at Camp Fry, Kentucky, and was sent back by the military authorities at Indianapolis, Indiana, March 10, A. D. 1863."

To which charge and specification the accused, Private *John Beiser*, Company "E," 32d Indiana Volunteers, pleaded "Guilty."

FINDING.

The Court, having maturely considered the evidence adduced, finds the accused, Private *John Beiser*, Company "E," 32d Indiana Volunteers, as follows:

Of the *Specification*, "Guilty."

Of the CHARGE, "Guilty."

SENTENCE.

And the Court does therefore sentence him, Private *John Beiser*, Company "E," 32d Indiana Volunteers, "*To be publicly shot to death at such time and place as the General commanding may appoint: two-thirds of the members of the Court concurring in this sentence.*"

IV..The proceedings of the Court in the case of Private *John Hardesty*, Company "A," 65th Ohio Volunteers, have been approved by the General commanding the Department of the Cumberland; and forwarded for the action of the President of the United States, who directs that the sentence *to be shot to death* be commuted to forfeiture of six months' pay.

The proceedings of the Court in the case of Private *William Dodge*, Company "I," 14th Michigan Volunteers, have been approved by the General commanding the Department of the Cumberland, and forwarded for the action of the President of the United States, with the recommendation that the accused should receive the benefit of the President's Proclamation. The President is pleased to remit the sentence, and directs that Private Dodge be restored to duty.

The proceedings of the court in the case of Private *John Beiser*, Company "E," 32d Indiana Volunteers, have been approved by the General commanding the Department of the Cumberland, and forwarded for the action of the President of the United States, who directs that the sentence be remitted, and the accused discharged the service of the United States, a medical board having pronounced him insane.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.